Buffalo, Feb. 25, 1878.

Venerable & venerated Sir.

I cannot do justice to the grateful emotions excited by your kind letter of advice. Telemachus had no such Mentor. Your monitions will, I hope, turn me from the unfit dangers you so clearly and delicately indicated: may they be to me as were the Solemn sounds of the bells of Bow to Whittington's heartes. I am as proud as he was:- indeed, prouder by a cat. Upon The almost paternal interest upon exhibited in my

young career will give it steadiness and, perhaps, success. I shall gratefully, to the best of my ability, follow, in all particulars, your advice; and, I frankly declare that I know not whether I shall be more influenced to a strict following of it by the said necessity of winning a respectable support for my young wife, or upon justifying your wishes & securing your approbation.

I cannot express my satisfaction & pride in the assurance that Mr. Gray takes a friendly interest in me & wishes success to my opening career. I fear that it will end in the ditch rather than at the goal. But I will have courage! How can I fear evil when I have two such friends: one so venerable and world renowned & one so altogether lovely!

With the deepest respect,
Your young friend
and Servant,

C. W. Eliot.

Dr Asa Gray.